MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Of course, boles are purchased by merchants and not by ordinary ryots and cultivators. So, the merchants will purchase if they want.

MR. K KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether the economic depression has not affected the merchants at all ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): They have been affected.

PRESIDENT: Will you please confine yourself to the question, Mr. Kunjukrishna Pillai ?

MR. K KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether there were only two persons to bid for this large quantity of boles at this year's auction ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Not two bidders but two sets of tenderers.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether the Conservator had to reduce the rates that they undertook in their tenders when the boles were actually sold ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes. The tender was for a small quantity. But the Conservator wanted to sell the whole thing and so a small reduction was made.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether the method of selling boles wholesale was adopted just to realise the budgeted revenue ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Not exactly for that. To get the budgeted revenue as well as for selling the boles.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): It is said that the Conservator did not receive any wire. May I know whether he received any letter or any communication ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to overnment*): Information in regard to that is not available here.

Building of the V. M. school, Sastankotta.

448. **MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any report has been received by the officers concerned that the building of the V. M. school, Sastankotta, is in a damaged condition ; and

(*b*) if so, the nature of the action taken thereon ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Director of Public Instruction has forwarded to Government an estimate amounting to Rs. 2,950 for repairs and improvements to the school building and has recommended the approval of the work and its execution in 1108. The matter is engaging the attention of Government.

Statement, by caste, of the Head Sirkar Vakils and their Assistants for the last 15 years.

449 **MR. K KRISHNAN NAYAR** (*Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the Head Sirkar Vakils and their Assistants for the last 15 years, showing :

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